Criteria for inclusion and exclusion of drugs under DPCO

*339. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has declared the criteria for inclusion and exclusion of drugs under DPCO as transparent;

(b) if so, the details of criteria fulfilled by each drug;

(c) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has neither decided the representations nor provided the data based on which drug be included; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof and by when the data would be provided?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d): The criteria, for listing of bulk drugs in the First Schedule of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995, were laid down in the "Modifications in the Drug Policy, 1986," which were announced in September, 1994. These criteria are:

(i) The criterion of including drugs under price control will be the minimum annual turnover of Rs. 400 lakhs.

(ii) Drugs of popular use, in which there is a monopoly situation will be kept under price control. For this purpose if of any bulk drug, having an annual turnover of Rs. 100 lakhs or more there is a single formulator having 90% or more market share in the Retail Trade (as per ORG) a monopoly situation would be considered as existing.

(iii) Drugs in which there is sufficient market competition viz. at least 5 bulk drug producers and at least 10 formulators and none having more than the 40% market share in the Retail Trade (as per ORG) may be kept outside the price control. However, a strict watch would be kept on the movement of prices as it is expected that their prices would be kept in check by the forces of market competition. The Government may determine the ceiling levels beyond which increase in prices would not be permissible.

(iv) Government will keep a close watch on the prices of medicines which are taken out of price control. In case, the prices of these medicines rise unreasonably, the Government would take appropriate meausres, including reclamping of price control.

(v) For applying the above criteria, to start with, the basis would be the data upto the 31st March, 1990 collected for the exercise of the Review of the Drug Policy. The updating of the data will be done by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority as detailed in para 22.7.4 (i).

(vi) Gentically engineered drugs produced by recombinant DNA technology and specific cell/tissue targetted drug formulations will not be under price control for 5 years from the date of manufacture in India.

The exercise for listing the bulk drugs kept under price control has been done on the above basis. The Government has received representations in regard to inclusion of certain drugs and the details furnished thererin are at an advances stage of verification and consideration. Decisions on these representations are expected to be taken soon.

Water Problem in Sriniwaspuri

*340. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the allottes of Government quarters in Sriniwaspuri, New Delhi, are not getting water on the first floor;

(b) if so, whether CPWD authorities have been apprised of the situation; and

(c) if so, the steps CPWD is taken to provide adequate supply of water to Sriniwaspuri Government Colony, New Delhi?